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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

5 1. A method in a data processing system for handling a request for content, the method comprising:

receiving the request for content;

identifying a content source from a plurality of content sources using the request to form an identified content source;

retrieving the content from the identified content source; and

applying a template to the content to generate a Web page, wherein the template is a template associated with the identified content source from the plurality of content sources.

- 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising: sending the Web page to a requester originating the request.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the Web page is a Java server page.
- 25 4. The method of claim 1, wherein template is a particular template associated with the identified content source and associated with a user originating the request.
- 30 5. A method in a data processing system for handling a request, the method comprising:

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receiving the request, wherein the request contains a universal resource identifier;

obtaining navigation information using the universal resource identifier;

from a plurality of content sources using the universal resource identifier;

selecting a template from a plurality of templates using the universal resource identifier; and

- 10 generating a Web page using the template, the navigation information, and content.
 - 6. The method of claim 5 further comprising:
 generating session information using information
 within the request.
 - 7. The method of claim 5, wherein selecting step includes selecting the template using the session information in addition to the universal resource identifier.
 - 8. The method of claim 5, wherein the obtaining step comprises:

obtaining navigation information using the universal resource identifier; and

creating a navigation object.

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9. The method of claim 8, wherein the retrieving step comprises:

retrieving content from a particular content source from a plurality of content sources using the universal resource identifier; and

creating a content object.

- 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the generating step comprises:
- generating the Web page using the template, the navigation object, and content object.
 - 11. The method of claim 5, wherein the Web page is a Java server page.

12. A content server system for comprising:

a get navigation process, wherein the get navigation process obtains navigation information using a universal resource locator;

a get content process, wherein the get content process obtains content from a plurality of content sources using the universal resource locator;

a build page process, wherein a page is created using the navigation information and the content; and

- a request process, wherein the request process initiates the get navigation process, the get content process, and the build page process in response to receiving a request.
- 30 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the build page process is initiated after the navigation information and the content are retrieved.
 - 14. A data processing system comprising:

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- a bus system;
- a communications unit connected to the bus system;
- a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes as set of instructions; and
- a processing unit connected to the bus system,
 wherein the processing unit executes the set of
 instructions to receive the request for content; identify
 a content source from a plurality of content sources
 using the request to form an identified content source;
 retrieve the content from the identified content source;
 and apply a template to the content to generate a Web
 page, wherein the template is a template associated with
 the identified content source from the plurality of

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- 15. A data processing system comprising:
 - a bus system;

content sources.

- a communications unit connected to the bus system;
- a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes as set of instructions; and
- a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to receive the request, wherein the request contains a universal resource identifier; obtain
- 25 navigation information using the universal resource identifier; retrieve content from a particular content source from a plurality of content sources using the universal resource identifier; select a template from a plurality of templates using the universal resource
- 30 identifier; generate a Web page using the template, the navigation information, and content.
 - 16. A data processing system for handling a request for

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content, the data processing system comprising:

receiving means for receiving the request for content;

identifying means for identifying a content source

from a plurality of content sources using the request to
form an identified content source;

retrieving means for retrieving the content from the identified content source; and

applying means for applying a template to the

10 content to generate a Web page, wherein the template is a
template associated with the identified content source
from the plurality of content sources.

17. The data processing system of claim 16 further comprising:

sending means for sending the Web page to a requester originating the request.

- 18. The data processing system of claim 16, wherein the 20 Web page is a Java server page.
 - 19. The data processing system of claim 16, wherein template is a particular template associated with the identified content source and associated with a user originating the request.
 - 20. A data processing system for handling a request, the data processing system comprising:

receiving means for receiving the request, wherein the request contains a universal resource identifier;

obtaining means for obtaining navigation information using the universal resource identifier;

retrieving means for retrieving content from a

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particular content source from a plurality of content sources using the universal resource identifier; selecting means for selecting a template from a plurality of templates using the universal resource identifier; and generating means for generating a Web page using the template, the navigation information, and content.

21. The data processing system of claim 20, wherein the generating means is a first generating means and further comprising:

second generating means for generating session information using information within the request.

- 22. The data processing system of claim 20, wherein selecting means includes means for selecting the template using the session information in addition to the universal resource identifier.
- 23. The data processing system of claim 20, wherein the 20 obtaining means comprises:

first means for obtaining navigation information using the universal resource identifier; and second means for creating a navigation object.

25 24. The data processing system of claim 23, wherein the retrieving means comprises:

first means for retrieving content from a particular content source from a plurality of content sources using the universal resource identifier; and

second means for creating a content object.

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25. The data processing system of claim 24, wherein the generating means comprises:

first means for generating the Web page using the template, the navigation object, and content object.

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- 26. The data processing system of claim 20, wherein the Web page is a Java server page.
- 27. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for handling a request for content, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving the request for content;

second instructions for identifying a content source from a plurality of content sources using the request to form an identified content source;

third instructions for retrieving the content from the identified content source; and

fourth instructions for applying a template to the

25 content to generate a Web page, wherein the template is a
template associated with the identified content source
from the plurality of content sources.

28. A computer program product in a computer readable 30 medium for handling a request, the computer program product comprising:

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first instructions for receiving the request, wherein the request contains a universal resource identifier;

second instructions for obtaining navigation

information using the universal resource identifier;
third instructions for retrieving content from a
particular content source from a plurality of content
sources using the universal resource identifier;

fourth instructions for selecting a template from a 10 plurality of templates using the universal resource identifier; and

fifth instructions for generating a Web page using the template, the navigation information, and content.